

# LOCAL I-S NEWS

## for department store workers

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Pres. Bill Atkinson (center) is shown receiving an Achievement Award tendered by the New York Alumni Chapter of the Kappa Alpha fraternity. Tendering the handsome plaque is Elbert W. Strothers, chairman of the fraternity's Achievement Commission, as G. A. Dunning looks on. Mr. Dunning is the public relations representative of P. Ballantine & Sons, Inc., donor of the award.

## Feb. 23 Deadline Set For Deposits on Trip to Italy-Israel-Greece

Local I-S members and Macy employees have until Feb. 23 to make their deposits on the Union-sponsored trip to Italy, Israel and Greece.

This was the word from the Local I-S Travel Committee which has a series of scheduled commitments on the forthcoming trip. Each person who wishes to join the tour must submit a \$100 deposit, preferably check or money order, to the Union office by the announced date. Checks should be made out to Local I-S Travel.

The tour which costs \$814 will be by turbo-jet aircraft, and the tourists will stay in first class hotels throughout. Three meals a day will be provided in Israel, two a day in Italy and Greece. All transportation, transfers, tips and sightseeing trips are included in the over-all cost.

The 23-day tour of the three historic countries on the shores of the Mediterranean will leave New York on Friday, May 26. The tour was advanced one day, and will return to the U.S. on Saturday, June 17.

Arrangements have been made for distinguished Israeli labor and political leaders to receive the Local I-S tourists, and describe trade union and economic developments in the Holy Land.

Meanwhile the Local I-S Credit Union released some figures on monthly payments to cover the cost of an \$814 loan for the Mediterranean trip.

Over a 24-month period, the

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## Local I-S, Macy's Exchange Demands for New Contract

### Company Demands Seek Cutbacks In 7 Provisions

Following is the list of company demands for the next Union contract submitted to Local I-S at the negotiating meeting on Feb. 3. Each demand will be analyzed in the next issue of "Local I-S News."

#### 1. Section 1.03, 1.04

Relaxation of executive doing staff work prohibition.

#### 2. Section 3.14 B

Modify provision so that only one (1) cumulative 60 day guarantee from any one (1) job classification in any twelve (12) month period, except where an employee has been permanently re-called and subsequently reduced, then he would be entitled to another 60 day guarantee.

#### 3. Section 3.24

Revise the vacation allowance provision so that the vacation pro-rate shall be computed on a calendar year basis by dividing gross commission and stim earnings by the hours actually worked.

#### 4. Section 4.05

Modify provision so that a change of working day for all employees can be made not later than one (1) business day prior to the work day affected by such change.

#### 5. Section 4.07

Modify provision so that the Employer shall have the right to change the weekly working schedules of part time employees by not more than one (1) hour per day subject to appropriate notice to

Local I-S has presented Macy's with a substantial list of demands for improvements in the existing Union contract.

The presentation was made to Fred Fischer, Macy's vice president for labor relations, at a meeting of the Union Negotiating Committee and company representatives at Hotel Sheraton-Atlantic on Feb. 3, 1961.

The company responded with a set of counter-demands.

The Feb. 3 session began a series of meetings in which Local I-S and company representatives will seek to negotiate a new contract. The contract of the past two years expired on Feb. 1, 1961; however, there is provision for a 60-day extension of terms while negotiations take place.

During the exchange of demands, Pres. Sam Kovenetsky noted that the Union would shortly supplement its demands of that date with specific requests for salary and commission adjustments.

Pres. Kovenetsky and Union Attorney Asher Schwartz also exchanged opinions with Mr. Fischer on the significance of the forthcoming negotiations.

The Local I-S leader declared that "most of the demands are based on the experience of Union members on the job" and they reflect as well the continuity of Local I-S efforts "from contract to contract." The demands, he added, indicate an attempt by the Union to achieve a "basic understanding" of the work which is done from "day to day."

With this perspective, "we find ourselves in a bad situation," Pres. Kovenetsky stated, emphasizing the need for job security.

Macy's has to make a profit, he acknowledged, adding, "However, we do not agree that profits should be made on the backs of the working people in the store."

Mr. Fischer commented that the negotiations were "terrifically important" to the people and to the business. However, it is not enough to want more, he advised. Macy employees must look at their aspirations and demands realistically, Mr. Fischer said, and he noted management's concern for the financial investment in the department store.

The company spokesman called for a "realistic, sensible agreement."

Union Attorney Schwartz asserted that the participants in the meeting approached the negotiations in a constructive manner.

He commented that in planning for the future, management must think not only of efficiency and profits, but of the kind of jobs and the status of the workers involved.

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### Free Income Tax Aid Available

All Local I-S members in good standing are eligible to receive completely free guidance and advice on filling out their Federal income tax return.

Tax consultants for the union will be Lewis A. Goltz, CPA, who is the Union accountant, and two of his associates, Al Furst and Bill Sells.

Consultations will be held in the Union Office on March 1, March 8 and March 15, all Wednesdays. Each session will begin at 2:30 P.M., and will continue each night until the last person has been helped.

the affected employees. Such changes will be made in any job classification in the inverse order of seniority.

#### 6. Section 7.15

Modification of the special Receiving Department overtime provisions. Specifics to be presented at a later time.

#### 7. Section 14.02

Change last sentence in Section: From: "In no event shall the daily relief period be less than twenty (20) minutes."

To: "The daily relief period shall be twenty (20) minutes."



The ancient town of Tiberias, along the shores of the sea of Galilee is now renowned as a winter resort. Cleopatra once bathed in the hot springs here. In Tiberias are many minarets, fortifications, towers, tombs of ancient Jewish sages, as well as quaint homes and beautiful hotels and public gardens. The town was originally founded by Roman conquerors of the Land of the Bible. Local I-S tourists will visit Tiberias.



## Letters to the Editor

### IRISH UNION OF DISTRIBUTIVE WORKERS AND CLERKS

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Workers and Clerks

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U. S. A.

A Chara (Dear Friend),

Last July you wrote me enclosing copy of your Health Plan with Macy's of New York, also copy of your Union Newspaper. I understand that Thomas Cynog-Jones suggested that you forward them to me.

I was very pleased to get these documents from you as unfortunately I did not get to the United States last year. I had to call off at the last moment.

Your Health Plan is in advance of anything we have here. We don't have any such agreements with employers. We have of course Social Welfare and Health Plans, but they are state controlled, and, in the case of Social Welfare, the scheme is a contributory one—the employee, employer and the state each make a contribution. Your Health Plan is I note non-contributory. Your Union Newspaper I found very interesting, and I would like to get an occasional copy.

If there is any aspect of our affairs which you would like to get detailed particulars about, I shall be glad to supply you with same on request.

I am to-day forwarding you under separate cover a few copies of our monthly Journal and would like to have your opinion on the Journal.

If it is not too much trouble, I would like to get from you particulars concerning the operation of Discount Houses, or Discount Stores, in the U.S.A. On what principles do they operate? I would also like to get from you particulars concerning the operation of Credit Unions.

With very Best Wishes.

Mise, le meas,  
(Yours with much esteem)  
E. J. REID, Area Organiser

Sorry to have read about your sister passing away in a recent Union newspaper. I know how sorrowful it must have been to you.

Mr. Peters and I want again to thank you and your workers for the nice gift, a beautiful wallet he received for Christmas. You have no idea what a morale builder that is to a person that is retired; at least it makes him feel he is not forgotten.

Again may we both say may God give you health and strength to keep up the good work.

MR. & MRS. SAUL J. PETERS

Just a few lines to the Social Services Committee for their thoughtfulness while I was hospitalized. Their gift of perfume and get well card were very much appreciated.

I also want to thank Local 1-S for all the help and cooperation and benefits throughout my illness, in and out of the hospital. I do so appreciate everything you have done for me. My God Bless and keep you all in the best of health.

I would like to thank all my co-workers for their gift in the form of a check and very lovely get well

cards and wishes. I am home in Brooklyn now and progressing slowly, but feel much better.

LILLIAN DANIELS  
42-672

Received your very nice Christmas gift. It's nice to be remembered after you're gone.

Am avidly keeping abreast of the news concerning your fight for a new contract. Certainly hope you all make it, without having to hit the pavement, as we did a few years back.

Will keep my fingers crossed for you.

G. M. BROWN

Thank you very much for your lovely gift. It was thoughtful and warm and certainly appreciated. Every year it becomes more gratifying to be a number of our Local.

MILDRED MOLDOFF  
P 15-53

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for the card and gift you sent me. Also to thank all my friends and co-workers who so thoughtfully remembered me while at the hospital and at home.

It is things like these that cheer one up when worried and depressed. One has good friends and a thoughtful union.

Knowing the difference between working now-a-days and pre-Union days, I say long life and great strength to the group that has made that difference possible.

Good luck in the negotiations.

KITTY BLATT

Thank you for the pint of blood you gave my late husband. Sorry I didn't write sooner, but I was too upset.

Thank you.

FRANCES SCHADELBAUM  
BTO 6

Thank you for get well card and also plant, which I hope will thrive out doors in my garden when spring comes a-knocking at our door.

MILDRED AHRON

### BUY... WHAT?

Here's a cute story reported to us by a recent Macy customer:

This man bought a pair of slippers on the Main Floor, the kind with socks attached.

Inside the cellophane wrapper was a paper slip saying, "Buy American."

Inside the slipper was another slip saying, "Not Union Made."

Inside the over-all package was still another slip. This one said, "Protect Job Security."

About this stage our head was spinning. But topping the story was an imprint on the merchandise, "Made in Japan."

Sort of sets you thinking, doesn't it?

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## Executive Board Updated On Current Developments

Pres. Kovenetsky announced the date and place of the first negotiations between the Union Negotiating Committee and the company (see page 1). He said that meeting would be held with individual groups in the store in connection with specific demands for salary and commission increases.

### Inequalities Requested

He urged the Board members to submit any inequities or inequalities in their areas to the officers by Feb. 3 for inclusion in the Local 1-S demands.

As Board chairman, Vice Pres. Phil Hoffstein presided at the Jan. 31 Executive Board meeting.

Pres. Kovenetsky announced that he and Vice Pres. Hoffstein would attend an RWDSU national board meeting in Miami during the week beginning Feb. 13. He commented that he expected to make "contacts" with other unionists attending similar board meetings, "in case such contacts are needed." Such contacts, he added, had been made in recent months.

Reviewing some of the job problems and trends in Macy's and the department store field generally, Pres. Kovenetsky noted that a number of non-union stores were trying a five-day, no-night work week. And in fact, Macy's had been experimenting with it in Jamaica.

If working people cooperate with the expansion of this work schedule, "they will become their own executioners," he said. The Local 1-S president acknowledged the attractions of such a work schedule, but warned that this was the way to speed-ups, lay-offs and the replacement of full-timers by fractional workers.

### President's Report

Continuing his President's Report, the Union leader reported that bids were being accepted for renovation of the Union headquarters. He expressed hope that the renovations might be completed in time for the Fall divisional meetings. However, the renovations will not begin until after negotiations for the new Union contract are completed.

There was a considerable discussion about Washington's Birthday in connection with contract negotiations.

In connection with the forthcoming tours to Italy, Israel and Greece, and to Mexico, Pres. Kovenetsky expressed the feeling that these activities were draining a disproportionate share of staff time and energies.

Gene Rawdin, 6th Floor chairman, introduced a resolution dealing with a late opening. Following some discussion, he withdrew the resolution.

The resignation of Rita Berto-

### Members Advised On Health Plan Claim Forms

Local 1-S members are reminded of the following procedure in processing GHI claim forms under the Union Health Plan.

- 1—the physician completes his part of the form;
- 2—the member completes his section of the form;
- 3—BRING OR MAIL THE FORM TO THE UNION HEALTH PLAN, 290 Seventh Avenue.

lini, Little Shop, as a trustee of the Union was accepted by the Board.

### Union Label

Union Administrator Frank Milza reported that the New York Union Label and Service Trades Dept. is seeking the fullest support among unionists for "Spartacus," the motion picture. He explained that the picture was 100 per cent American and 100 per cent Union, countering a trend in the movie industry to "runaway" abroad to make pictures under cheap wage conditions.

Brother Milza noted that 15 per cent discounts would be given on admission prices to the movie, which deals with the fight of slaves in ancient Rome to secure freedom and justice. Kirk Douglas, Lawrence Olivier, Jean Simmons, Charles Laughton and Tony Curtis are among the stars performing in it.

The 15 per cent discount will apply to regular box office prices from Feb. 26 to March 24, which has been designated American Film Festival Weeks.

### COPE

Ed Dillard, Receiving, reported that an important victory for liberal forces had been gained with the change in the composition of the House Rules Committee. For years, this Congressional Committee, dominated by a Dixie-

G.O.P. coalition, had bottled up proposed laws to aid school housing, etc.

Despite this victory, which was narrow, there will be many tough political fights ahead to win medical care for the aged, under Social Security; a \$1.25 minimum wage bill, with coverage of the retail industry, anti-discrimination laws, and aid to distressed areas, schools and housing. He noted that such laws would not only meet human needs, but stimulate the economy and reduce unemployment.

Brother Dillard announced the COPE Committee would sponsor a meeting in the near future to help develop support for liberal legislation.

### Camp Program

Union Administrator Milza reported that only 15 applications had been made by Local 1-S members for summer camp vacation for their children. He noted the deadline for applications was March 1, and urged Union members to take advantage of the N.Y.C. AFL-CIO Camp Program which is headed by Pres. Sam Kovenetsky.

The latter stated that, last year more Local 1-S children were sent to camps than any other union. In all, some 500 kids enjoyed vacations under the program, and many more are expected this Summer. In 1960, \$1800 was contributed by trade unions to the program. This year, each participating union must contribute at least \$150, and the total is expected to be considerably greater than last year.



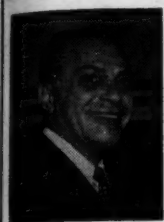
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### 'On the Treadmill'







## TALKING SHOP

BY VICE PRESIDENTS



PHIL HOFFSTEIN AND BILL ATKINSON

(This is the first in series of articles by the Union officers on issues in the current negotiations for a new Union contract.)

It is the business of Macy's to make money. It is the business of management to be concerned about the investment of its stockholders, as Fred Fischer, Macy's senior vice president in charge of personnel and labor relations, told the Negotiating Committee the other day. Management is further concerned about its financial position vis-a-vis the bankers, plus such other concerns as customer and public relations, efficiency of the workers, effective merchandising techniques, etc.

The Union recognizes, of course, that Macy's should make a profit to stabilize and increase the employment opportunities of Local 1-S members.

However, the Union's first responsibility is to improve the position and earnings of its members with all the resources at its command.

We want a substantial raise to be included in the next contract. As Macy profits have soared the last few weeks, the more Macy employees are entitled to in legitimate wage gains. Indeed, as Macy profits have gone up, so has the cost of living; and economists are anticipating further living-cost increases in the year ahead.

We want many new clauses which will strengthen job security. We are demanding improvements in the Health Plan and in the Pension Plan.

To achieve gains of these kinds, we count on the full support of every Union member, for the officers and Negotiating Committee during the critical period ahead.

The Union has already submitted demands to the company, and will submit more shortly. All these demands represent improvements in the contract, from the workers' point of view. The company submitted a list of counter demands. (See page 1.) All of these represent cutbacks in the contract.

Macy's claims continually to be concerned about the welfare of its employees; and management continually asks that we "understand" Macy's problems.

Yes, we understand them very well. We know them very well.

We have seen the smaller and smaller number of people in Drugs, China, Glassware, Fabrics, Cameras, Upholstery, Sundries, Adult Games, and elsewhere.

Jobs have disappeared into thin air; and the remaining people have to work that much harder, as the volume mounts. Macy's is seeking to cut to the bone throughout the company.

Macy's is developing a new strategy in its use of manpower. They are experimenting with a five-day, no nights, no Saturday schedule. At face value, this looks tempting. How fine it would be not to have night work, and to have Saturdays off! However, upon closer scrutiny, the Trojan Horse becomes apparent.

This type of scheduling would involve a drastic reduction in the number of full-timers and part-timers. It would greatly increase the ratio of Saturday Onlies who can be brought in at peak hours and management's convenience to replace the regular workers who earn their entire income from Macy's.

Some of our members have been complacent. They may have lengthy service; they may think they are so loved by their supervisors that nothing will happen to them. We tell them they are ill-advised to be so smug. Given a choice between "concern for the employee's welfare" and saving on payroll costs by, say, merging departments, Macy's choice will be easy.

One of the important demands which we have prepared for negotiations is a "basic crew" provision which will greatly increase job security for people involved in these situations—if we can get the company to accept this clause.

Take automation. For the past two years, Macy's has been planning its installation of the NCR data computer on the 12th Floor. The staff will be reduced from 160 to 40. You can be very sure that Macy's calculated very carefully how much this new machine installation would save in payroll costs over a specific period of time.

The Union approaches these situations on the following premises: Macy's has been making some handsome profits during the past years. The people who handle and sell the goods that make these profits are entitled to their fair share. That will be the key issue between us and management: how shall the profits be divided?

The company indicates that it expects sincere, interested workers on the job. It expects "performance" and each employee's Job Review states exactly what Macy management thinks of that performance.

We say to management: our members also have certain expectations and certain principles. Our members say: the better their wage conditions and working conditions, the greater their interest, stake and incentive in the job.

When automation, re-scheduling and job-cutting work systems are introduced, our members look to stronger seniority and job security in the Union contract to protect their livelihood. When added profits are made through these techniques, workers cannot be called on to pay the cost. Those who are displaced must share in the benefits garnered by the company.

Our members say they expect the full measure of industrial responsibility by Macy's management to the people who handle and sell the goods, and make the Macy profits. This kind of responsibility translates directly into a better pension, and health benefits.

In short, the company must understand our problems, too. If the company wants qualified, productive people, management will have to pay for them.

## What Does It Cost to Live?

A decent standard of living is considered one of the achievements of the American civilization. People throughout the world look to us as a rich nation; and, in fact, ours is the highest standard of living in the world.

Yet—what does that standard of living consist of? Do we all share in it? And how much does it cost?

The table below lists two "modest but adequate" family budgets for an American city family of four. Costs listed under Budget A are based on a study of the University of California's Heller Committee. Budget B is based on a U.S. Labor Department study of 20 large cities. Both were made in the Fall of 1959. Today's prices are about 2 per cent higher.

Figure your own living costs for comparison. Are you enjoying an American standard of living?

CITY WORKER'S WEEKLY BUDGET FOR FAMILY OF FOUR	BUDGET A Based on Heller	BUDGET B Based on Labor Dept.	BUDGET C Your Own Family
<b>Food and beverages</b> <i>Includes meals out, alcoholic beverages</i>	\$34.88	\$33.13	
<b>Housing</b> <i>Includes rent, utilities, household operations and house furnishings</i>	23.87	28.10	
<b>Clothing</b> <i>Includes purchases and upkeep (dry cleaning, etc.)</i>	9.40	10.73	
<b>Medical, dental care, drugs, hospitalization</b> <i>Includes group insurance</i>	10.14	6.17	
<b>Transportation</b> <i>Includes operation of used (1954) car</i>	11.29	9.50	
<b>Recreation and reading</b> <i>Includes TV, radio, toys, hobbies, vacation</i>	5.17	4.19	
<b>Personal care</b> <i>Includes barber, beauty shops, toiletries</i>	2.22	2.58	
<b>Insurance</b> <i>Includes life insurance, union dues, social security taxes</i>	6.39	5.04	
<b>Miscellaneous</b> <i>Includes tobacco, gifts, contributions, education</i>	4.52	4.87	
<b>Income Taxes</b> <i>Includes Federal, state income taxes</i>	12.72	12.71	
<b>TOTAL WEEKLY BUDGET</b>	\$120.60	\$117.02	
<b>Annual earnings need to meet budget</b>	\$6,271.10	\$6,084.00	

## Camp Directors Promise More Aid To AFL-CIO Summer Camp Program



Some 20 summer camp directors associated with New York community agencies gathered at a meeting on Jan. 18 called by the N.Y.C. Summer Camp Program.

Following an appeal by Pres. Sam Kovenetsky, who heads the

program, the camp directors promised additional placements and scholarships for kids sponsored by the labor program. The two-week vacation program for children of AFL-CIO trade unionists will be larger during 1961 than any previous program, Pres.

Kovenetsky reported, citing the immense need to get the youngsters off the city streets for a couple of weeks during the Summer. Sitting at left of the Local 1-S president is Peter Crescenti, of the N.Y. Hotel Joint Trades Council.



# Feb. 23 Deadline Set for Deposits on Italy-Israel-Greece Tour

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monthly payment would be \$33.99 for principal, plus an average of \$4.25 interest.

Over a 30-month period, the monthly payment for principal would be \$27.14, plus an average monthly interest payment of \$4.21. Over a 36-month period, the monthly payment for principal would be \$22.62, plus a \$4.19 monthly interest payment.

The Credit Union will be happy

to extend every cooperation to assist those who wish to participate in the "vacation of a lifetime."

For those who wish to see Rome or Israel on their own, special arrangements are being made for a limited number of flights on the airplanes, without participation in the tour. These seats will be available on a first come, first served basis, and represent a considerable saving over costs of flying to these cities on a commercial flight.

## Join This Wonderful Tour Today!

Local 1-S "Travel"  
290 Seventh Avenue  
New York 1, N. Y.

I want to join the Local 1-S trip to Italy, Israel and Greece. Enclosed is my check (money order) for \$100 as the required deposit.

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

CITY AND STATE ..... STAFF NO. ....

Please mail immediately!



Local 1-S tourists will see this famed cathedral in Florence, Italy.

## Last Chance to Send Kids On AFL-CIO Camp Vacations!

March 1, 1961 is the final date on which applications may be made to enable children of Local 1-S members to vacation at a Summer camp this Summer.

Plenty of application forms are on hand at the Union Office, 290 Seventh Avenue. The forms must be made out at Union headquarters by the Union member.

The camp program, sponsored by the N.Y.C. Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, is under the direction of Pres. Sam Kovenetsky.

Don't miss this opportunity for your youngsters to enjoy a wonderful two-week stay in the country. Get down to the Union today and fill out one of these applications!

Following is a letter written by one of the Local 1-S youngsters who attended a Summer camp last year. The son of Al Greenwald, Women's Shoes, Stanley explains why he had such a fine time.

### "CAMP LOYALTOWN"

By Stanley Greenwald  
Age, 12½ Years

We left at about 9:30 in the morning and got up to Camp Loyaltown, Hunter, N. Y. about 2:00.

My name is Stanley Greenwald and I was in Bunk #20. When we got up to camp we were fast assigned to our bunks which was a little confusing at first until we found the right bunk.

When we went inside, we had to put the sheets on. Then we had to clean up the bunk, and learn one another's name. Our camp has shops, the first is Arts and Crafts, the second is Nature.

The Nature Room is very inter-

esting, it has fish, rabbits, frogs and snakes.

Their food is excellent but, before we eat, we have to say prayers. Their food is so good that I could sometimes swear my mother is cooking it.

You go swimming every day in the morning and afternoon, at late hours not early hours.

The bugle sounds at 7:00 in the morning on weekdays and 7:30 on Saturdays and Sunday. Every Sunday night they show movies. Also every night the Dramatic Club puts on a performance, except Sunday. I was fortunate to have been in one of these performance.

About ½ mile from our camp there is a field called Hunter field, there we play baseball.

In the recreation hall we have basketball courts. Our camp was divided into two teams, one called the Apaches, and the other called the Sioux. I was on the Sioux. We had tournaments against each other. We had our tournaments mostly during the day but we once had them at night.

Every Monday we had cookouts consisting of the following menu: frankfurters, beans and sauerkraut and, of course, dessert. We went on hikes every Friday. Even though I was happy to come home to see my father and my mother, after a few days I became "camp sick," and I wished that I was back in camp. I am looking forward to see the camp again this summer.

### Negotiations Open—

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Workers are not mobile vending machines, the Union attorney declared. Indeed, they have a "very important interest" in the company—more than stockholders who often change their investments from company to company.

Pres. Kovenetsky also expressed the hope that the company would recognize that Macy workers are not acting contrary to management desires in seeking a better way of life.

The Union Negotiating Committee consists of branch and division chairmen, and the Union officers. At the meeting, Mr. Fischer was accompanied by Mrs. G. G. Michelson and Bernard Steinberg of Macy Labor Relations, and company attorney A. Lester Block.

## Feb. 26 Jamboree Set For 'Camp Parents' And Youngsters

Pres. Sam Kovenetsky announced at the Jan. 31 Board meeting that a Sunday Jamboree would be held for all youngsters who had vacationed at a camp under AFL-CIO auspices, plus their parents.

The Jamboree will take place on Sunday, Feb. 26, from 1:00-4:00 P.M. at the Textile Workers Union headquarters, 99 University Place.

There will be a band (provided by Local 802), entertainment (provided by the American Guild of Variety Artists), cakes and cookies (provided by Bakers Local 150), plus soft drinks and ice cream!

## America Is Ready For Economic Lift, Says Labor Expert

The United States has everything needed for 10 years of industrial growth if private and public policy-makers will find ways to put all of America—not just automated machinery—to work, an AFL-CIO expert has declared.

Stanley Ruttenberg, AFL-CIO Research Director, one of several speakers at the annual plant management conference of Rutgers University, said problems of unemployment, under-production and falling consumption will yield to vigorous action by government and by private industry.

"If we fail to solve these problems," Ruttenberg said, "they will make the difference between a decade of industrial opportunity and one of mounting difficulties at home and abroad."

Action by the federal government is essential, and the government's role must not be confused by "sloganized fears of big government," he asserted.

"This does not mean that federal government has the responsibility for solving everything," Ruttenberg told the industrialists. "But private industry is responsible for something besides automated machinery and profits."

"It is responsible for helping to solve today's unemployment problem . . . fast moving toward a rate of 7 per cent. . . ."

## OFFICIAL NOTICE Divisional Meeting Schedule

This is the only official notice to be given for Divisional Meetings for all members including Saturday-Onlies and Fraternals.

Admission will be by current Union card. An unexcused absence will be liable to a \$2 assessment to the Welfare Fund as provided for in Article IX, Section 4 of the Local 1-S Constitution.

Absence excuses must be filed with your Shop Steward within five days before or after the scheduled date of your meeting.

GROUP	DATE	TIME	PLACE
7th floor	Tues., Feb. 21	4:45&6:45 PM	Auditorium
Receiving	Tues., Feb. 21	6:30 PM	Hotel New Yorker
6th floor	Tues., Feb. 28	6:45 PM	Auditorium
Packing	Wed., Mar. 1	6:30 PM	Auditorium
Street floor	Tues., Mar. 7	4:45&6:45 PM	Hotel New Yorker
8th floor	Tues., Mar. 7	4:45&6:45 PM	Auditorium
Housekeeping	Wed., Mar. 8	3:00&6:45 PM	Auditorium
Alt. & Repair	Tues., Mar. 14	6:45 PM	Auditorium
DA-CT	Wed., Mar. 15	6:30 PM	Auditorium
Basement	Tues., Mar. 21	4:45&6:45 PM	Auditorium
Food	Wed., Mar. 22	6:45 PM	Auditorium

### BRANCHES

BRANCH	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Flatbush	Wed., Mar. 1	6:30 PM	Rivoli
Jamaica	Wed., Mar. 8	6:30 PM	American Legion
Parkchester	Tues., Mar. 14	6:30 PM	Chester Hall

Auditorium and Conference Room meetings are at the Union Office. Hotel New Yorker meetings at 34th Street and Eighth Avenue.

## PERSONALS

FOR SALE—1956 Chevrolet hard-top, 2-door, sky-blue and white, radio and heater, seatcovers, good tires, good condition. Asking \$650. Call ES 6-0255.

FOR SALE—Beautiful wing chair, like new, \$35. With or without brand new custom made cover, \$10. Call BO 8-0897 evenings.

FOR SALE—Mahogany, living room table. Opens to seat 12, with table pad. Like new, reasonable. Call TA 9-0201 evenings.

**MEDICAL PLAN**—For the name and address of the doctor, dentist, optometrist or podiatrist nearest you CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540 or Associated Physicians Medical Group—BU 8-4210 (Night or Day) when the Union Office is closed. Complete schedule of fees available upon request.

Full information on benefits and regulations can be obtained from the health plan consultant at the union. Members are also asked to remind their doctors that all claim forms must be returned to the Local 1-S office.

**BLOOD BANK**—If you need blood from the Blood Bank CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540.

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